bly owing to the great eruption, which happened to the mountain Hecla in Iceland, in October. I am, &c.

Edinburgh, Feb. 10, 1756. Signed Robert Whytt.

LXVIII. *Extract of a Letter from Monſ.* Bonnet, *F.R.S. to Mr.* Trembley, *F.R.S. dated at* Geneva, 30 January 1756, *concerning the Earthquake on the* 14*th of* November, 1755, *in* Valais *in* Swiſſerland. *Tranſlated from the* French.

Read Feb. 19, 1756. VALAIS is thought to have been more ſhaken by the earthquake than our city and its neighbourhood. I procured a letter to be written to Brigue for a particular account of it. The following is an extract of the anſwer of a merchant of that town, to whom the letter was addreſſed. I ſhould have been glad to have had ſome information concerning Brigue itſelf, which is ſaid to have ſuffered conſiderably; but you will find, that this merchant ſays not a word of it. I ſhall make a freſh inquiry.

Brigue, January 26, 1756.

THE earthquake felt here, happened on the 14th of November, at three in the afternoon. It proceeded from the North, and laſted a minute. The earth opened on the mountain; and the open-

ing was large enough to thruſt one's hand in, and no bottom can be found. In another part of the mountain the earthquake opened a ſpring ſufficient to turn two mills. It continues to run near the Rhone. It is remarkable, that before the earthquake there was no ſource of water in that place. The earth has been opened in another place. The opening is round, and no bottom can be diſcovered. The earth continues to ſhake almoſt every day, but theſe ſhocks are much gentler than the firſt. People here are under extreme apprehenſions. Moſt of the inhabitants are retired into the mountains, where they lodge in wooden houſes, which are ſafer than thoſe in the city.

LXIX. *Extract of a Letter from Monſ.* Allemond, *Profeſſor of Natural Philoſophy at* Leyden, *and F. R. S. to Mr.* Trembley, *F. R. S. Tranſlated from the* French.

Leyden, Jan. 27, 1756.

Read Feb. 19, 1756.

ON the night between the 26th and 27th of the laſt month of December, 1755, between eleven o'clock and midnight, there was a conſiderable earthquake on the frontiers of this country. It was felt at Liege, Maeſtricht, Nimeguen, Arnheim, and, according to ſome accounts, at Breda. There were three different ſhocks, the laſt of which happened at about four in the morning,